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HERALD TRIBUNE**Critically Ill 11 Months Ago**

Bedell Smith Leaves Walter Reed Hospital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (UPI). — Retired Gen. Walter Bedell Smith made good today on his reputation of being "tougher than a fifteen-minute egg or a twenty-five-cent steak."

The sixty-four-year-old soldier-diplomat walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center more than eleven months after he had been listed by the hospital as critically ill with pneumonia and a lung abscess which required surgery.

Physicians said Gen. Smith, top war-time aid to President Eisenhower, was in "very fine" condition. Gen. Smith, who accepted the military surrenders of both the Italian and German armies in World War II, declared his intention "to return to work." He had entered the hospital on Oct. 13, 1959. He left today on his own two feet and returned to his home here.

Gen. Smith's illness and recuperation had side-tracked his non-government career as president and chairman of the board of American Machine & Atomics, Inc.

Before entering private industry, he had been a one-time Army private who became a four-star general, Ambassador to Moscow during the tense months of the Berlin blockade, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency and Under Secretary of State.

Gen. Eisenhower, who picked the one-time Indiana National Guardsman as his World War II Chief of Staff, wrote in his war memoirs this tribute to Gen. Smith: "Strong in character and abrupt by instinct, he could achieve harmony without appeasement and earned for himself an enviable standing throughout the armies and governments of the world."



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Gen. Walter Bedell Smith